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IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF Art Unit: 1616
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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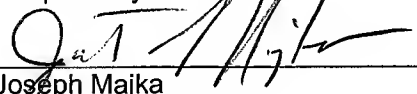
The Office Action of October 6, 2009 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 6, 2010. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

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